

Welcome back to Redwood class



WHAT'S ON

Spring
term 2 2024

We hope you all had a restful break. In Redwood, we are continuing with our topic 'Bloomin' Marvellous' and working towards our art exhibition at the end of the term. Over the next few weeks, we will be working closely with our HLTA and Forest school lead to update the sensory garden so we can enjoy it in the summer months. We also look forward to welcoming parents back for our Easter Sensory experience at the end of term.

There will be a new timetable shared with you highlighting our daily routines and activities that develop skills towards our PLGs and engagement profiles.

Lets learn about... **The Curiosity Programme!**

You may have seen in your young person's school timetable that we include 'Curiosity' as part of a post lunch afternoon session. The curiosity programme is a strategy used to help teach individuals to develop the skill of curiosity, form positive relationships with others, and learn to engage with a wider range of stimuli. The principles of intensive interaction are an important key, and as such, the interaction tends to be non-verbal. The short bursts of curiosity sessions are designed to work alongside our learners engagement profiles to develop their skills of realisation, exploration, anticipation, persistence and initiation.

The programme works by exploring stimuli the learner enjoys or is interested in, teachers work alongside the learner and engages with their interests. The stimuli is hidden within a box or container in order to force the learner to think and engage more deeply. The principle of the object being in a container (the curiosity box) is to support in the development of object permanence understanding and curiosity skills. The interaction lasts no more than 5-6 minutes, forcing the learner to pick up their processing time and attention skills each time the interaction takes place.

By working on this skill each day, we are able to cue in to our learner's engagement skills, communication skills and personal learning goals.

Try it at home! Use an old butter or ice-cream tub, place an object of interest inside, and ignite your young person's interest so that they must discover 'what's in the box'.



Easter Sensory Experience (School Hall) —Friday 22nd March 10am -12pm

Bloomin' Marvellous Art exhibition (School Hall) —Monday 25th March 2pm—3pm

Redwood class team



Class Fund

Thank you to those who contribute £5 to our half termly class fund, this supports us in our cooking and sensory exploration lessons.

If you are able to contribute please do so through Parent Pay so that we can continue to explore.

Swimming

Please ensure that your child has a swim kit in school on their swimming day or a spare kit that can be kept at school. Swimming is weekly on a rota basis to ensure all learners have the opportunity to take part.

Donations

We are asking for donations of compost, bulbs and seeds to add to our sensory garden.

Any spare garden equipment that would help us explore and tend the sensory garden. Thank you

For updates, information and useful contacts, please check our school website and Facebook pages.

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